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Applicant

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 27, 2002, applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-57, for examination at this time.

In view of the above election, applicant hereby cancels claims 58-101 without prejudice pursuing these claims in any divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part or other application. Consideration of the elected claims is now requested.

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